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Kohler today briefed Quadripartite Ambassadorial Group on second Thompson-Gromyko talk as reported Moscow's 1936 (not sent other posts) along following lines:

1. Gromyko gave Thompson drafts of proposed statute for Free City and protocol containing guarantees therefore.
2. Gromyko then stressed orally that formalization present German border, respect for sovereignty GDR, prohibition ~~xx~~ nuclear arms for both GDR and FRG, plus non-aggression pact between NATO and Warsaw ~~xxxxxx~~ nations must be dealt with at same time as Free City proposal.
3. In addition, Gromyko said Soviets want to negotiate on thinning out or withdrawal foreign troops and creation atom free area after conclusion West Berlin agreement.
4. Gromyko rejected idea international access authority as violation GDR sovereignty and said free access in Soviet view means access with accepted international standards for such communication.

S. Gromyko

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5. Gromyko repeated demand for Soviet troop presence West Berlin if Allied troops remain.

6. Gromyko introduced proposal on reparations for West Berlin.

Other Soviet points which arose from Thompson's rebuttal of these points were refusal to consider access as key question, sharp rejection of any idea of Berlin plebiscite on troop presence, rejection any exclusion access from GDR rights of sovereignty, refusal to consider any all-Berlin solution, defense of wall as legitimate border protection and emphasis that free city and access thereto were proposed on basis respect for GDR sovereignty, not at its expense.

Gromyko also stressed that West would QTE regret it very much UNQTE if lifting of treaty deadline were interpreted as anything other than a Soviet step taken QTE to facilitate agreement on logical basis UNQTE.

After hearing Thompson regrets that Soviets taking QTE backward step UNQTE Gromyko said that study of documents and his remarks would show no backward step.

Kohler said US had no considered view as yet on this preceptible hardening of Soviet position. We did suspect it was related Soviet pressures and motivations partly in other than Berlin and German context. Nuclear testing results, Molotov's apparent rehabilitation, etc. may well be involved.

Others agreed Gromyko line QTE pretty chilly UNQTE and that motivation obscure. Also agreed with Kohler suggestion that documents be studied for evidence Soviets intend to publish so that West (or US unilaterally) might prepare publish similar maximum public positions.

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